

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant: Christopher K. Morzano § Art Unit:  
Serial No.: §  
Filed: August 28, 2003 § Examiner:  
Title: System and Technique to Reduce § Docket No. MCT.0047-C1US  
Cycle Time by Performing Column § (99-0404.01/US)  
Redundancy Checks During a §  
Delay to Accommodate Variations §  
in Timing of a Data Strobe Signal §  
(as amended) §

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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## **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

Before examination of the application and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the application as follows as indicated by the following SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS and CLAIM AMENDMENTS sections.